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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re : Application of Girard, et al.  
For : **RADIALLY EXPANDABLE BEAD MOLDING RING FOR A TIRE MOLD**  
Serial No. : 10/058,538  
Filed : January 28, 2002  
Group Art Unit : 1722  
Examiner : James P. Mackey  
Our Docket No. : DN2002014USA

May 4, 2004

By Facsimile 703-872-9306

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

This is an amendment in response to the Office Action dated March 8, 2004 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 8, 2004.

Please amend the referenced Application as follows: